



Matthew Rendely, BA (Hons), JD

PRACTICE

- Wills, Estates, Trusts Disputes
- Advising Fiduciaries
- Dependant Support Claims
- Passing of Estate, Trustee, Attorney, Guardian & Fiduciary Accounts
- Capacity Proceedings
- Guardianships
- Power of Attorney Disputes
- Consent and Capacity Board
- End-of-Life and Treatment Decisions
- Medical Assistance in Dying
- Elder Law
- Elder Financial Abuse
- Solicitor's Negligence
- Representation of Persons Under Disability
- Probate Applications
- Opinions
- Agency Services
- Approval Motions Under Rule 7

EXPERIENCE

Matthew Rendely is a Partner at WEL Partners, where he practises exclusively in the areas of wills, estates, trusts, powers of attorney, guardianship, and capacity related litigation. He is a passionate advocate for his clients.

Since being called to the Ontario Bar in 2015, Matthew has worked on matters at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

Matthew received his Bachelor of Arts with an Honours and Specialization in History at the University of Western Ontario. He then travelled to Australia, where he obtained his law degree with honours at Bond University.

Matthew recognizes the need for volunteer legal counsel. He has volunteered as duty counsel with Pro Bono Law Ontario at the Superior Court of Justice and the Small Claims Court in Ontario. Matthew also participated in the HIV & Aids Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO) Will and Power of Attorney Clinic.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Law Society of Ontario

Ontario Bar Association, CPD Liaison for the Elder Law Executive Committee (2020-21)

Canadian Bar Association

The Advocates' Society

REPORTED DECISIONS

Lockhart v Lockhart, 2020 ONSC 4667, 2020 CarswellOnt 12189

Bechtel v Jackson, 2018 CarswellOnt 17372, 297 ACWS (3d) 500

B.C.P. and L.P. v A.R.P., 2016 ONSC 4518

ARTICLES, PUBLICATIONS AND CITATIONS

Digital Assets and Estate Planning, Investment Executive, April 2, 2020
<https://www.investmentexecutive.com/newspaper_/building-your-business-newspaper/digital-assets-and-estate-planning/>

Costs or Damages: Best Remedy for Meritless Estate Litigation, The Lawyer's Daily, January 15, 2020 <<https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/17508/costs-or-damages-best-remedy-for-meritless-estate-litigation>>

Estate Planning: Don't Make These Five Mistakes, IG Private Wealth Management, Syrja & Associates, Jan 13, 2020 <<https://www.syrja.ca/blog-01/estate-planning-dont-make-these-five-mistakes>>

November 'Make a Will Month' in Ontario, The Lawyer's Daily, November 25, 2019 <<https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/16962/november-make-a-will-month-in-ontario>>

How Major Political Parties Address Important Issues of Dementia, The Lawyer's Daily, October 10, 2019 <<https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/15874/how-major-political-parties-address-important-issue-of-dementia>>

Posthumously-Conceived Children Born in Ontario: What Are Their Rights and What Do Estate Trustees Need to Know?, Estates Trusts & Pension Journal, August, 2019, 38 Est. Tr. & Pensions J. 328, Kimberly A. Whaley, Matthew A. Rendely

The Night Side With Barb Digiulio, Newstalk 1010, May 29, 2019 (Radio)

Navigating Conflicts of Interest, The Lawyer's Daily, October 13, 2016
<<https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/1688/navigating-conflicts-of-interest>>

PRESENTATIONS AND TEACHING

Ontario Bar Association Elder Law Program, Capacity For Lawyers: Elder and Real Estate Matters, February 26, 2020

University of Western Ontario, Guest Lecturer in the Faculty of Law, Estate Litigation Course Winter Term, 2019

Toronto Police College, Elder Law Seminar for Investigators, 2018 - Present

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Schnurr Kirsh Oelbaum Tator LLP: Associate, January 2017 – June 2018. Wills, estates, trust, fiduciary and capacity-related litigation.

D2 Law LLP: Associate, Aug 2016 – December 2017. Commercial litigation and fertility law.

Macdonald Sager Manis LLP: Associate, June 2016 – July 2016. Corporate and commercial law.

Macdonald Sager Manis LLP: Articling Student, August 2014 – June 2015. Corporate and commercial law and civil litigation.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Barrister and Solicitor, Law Society of Ontario: June 2015

National Committee of Accreditation, Certificate of Accreditation: June 2014

Juris Doctor (Hons), Bond University, Australia: May 2014

Bachelor of Arts, Honours and Specialization in History, University of Western Ontario: December 2011

MOOT COMPETITIONS | AWARDS

The Wilson Moot, 2014 - Participant

Osgoode Pre-Law Society Competition, 2010 – Top Orator